

D PROGRAM

ACT I

D LUDE

(Ensembles perform work from their repertoire)

DISASTER SERVICES



The Mix Up Ensemble

PRODUCT TESTING



Singers from Savina and Aurelio Viscarra



D CONSTRUCTION

Higher than the Law Allows
The Ensemble



7.1After the Fall
Babatunde Garaya
Aurelio Viscarra
Boy

SF Chamber Singers



OFF RAMP

New Life m Savina

Boy and Singers from Savina SF Chamber Singers



ABUSER

Blood and Oil Ensemble

FIFTEEN MINUTE INTERMISSION

ACT II

D PARTURE

(Ensembles perform work from their repertoire)

Test Flight Ensemble



DISLOCATION

Healing Song

Aurelio Viscarra, Singers from Savina, Zulu Spear

Isono Sami (by Sechaba Mokoena) Zulu Spear



Arranging a Changing Sunita Vatuk

Singers from Savina and Boy



ESCAPE PLANS

TRIALS & EXECUTIONS

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ARCHITECTURE OF CATASTROPHIC



TUBE FEEDING

Law of Averages

Sunita Vatuk, Matome Somo, Gideon Bendilla

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A TREE THE SIZE OF NEVADA

Right Before Our Eyes

Singers from Savina and Chamber Singers

KNOW-ESCAPE

Ensemble



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Zulu Spear South African a cappella ensemble

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Sunita Vatuk

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Aurelio Viscarra

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THE MIX UP

mix it up, blood and sugar then notate the human figure test and rate, a body's tolerance separate the waste and nutrients quantify, verify, quantify, then deny when it is evident, there is no evidence measuring evidence, makes it our evidence now it's my turn, protecting the data now it's my turn, perfecting the data now it's my turn, project data now it's my turn, project data

what have we got here, intruders how did they get in our boardroom, bad boys. our company secrets, are precious.

oh we detest these leaks in here.

PLACEBO

sugar
give him his placebos
give him fructose, sucrose
pass it through his vein
to his brain, to his pancreas
in all meals, it appeals
but the best, is it heals
placebo

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HIGHER THAN THE LAW ALLOWS

build us a tower that's tall building's empower us all we need a view, high above you

build a highrise with a view building the power to do more than succeed, more than we need

higher than the law allows climbing up above the clouds

build us a tower that's tall buildings empower us all we need a view, high above you

climbing up above the clouds higher than the law allows

walls, walls build tall and strong walls

see how high we can go

see how far we have come how far we can go how high

arise, arise along a tall high rise

AFTER THE FALL

without a doubt, I am down, I'm out without a doubt, down, out without a doubt, I'm done, I'm gone without a clue, down out

need a vehicle, not a miracle, I can read his mind

by my faith, pushing hope, selling prayer, buy my charity, on bended knees, we can seize all we need to arise

great is the pain of change, so great is the pain of change

but with each new century, there' opportunity a savior born

at last

but with each new century there's opportunity a savior born

at last just before, before the fall, some savior, saves us all

what are you trying to do if you want me to save you we must go up, must go up

up, up higher up, up, up higher

god is a freeway, god is a freeway concrete god is a

help, they are dead, all dead, can I not help them?

help, they are dead, and bleeding bad.

is there a family inside? is there a woman with child?

there is a pet. the dog is dead.

but there is a woman with child, but there is a woman with child, we can beget.

there is a family inside, there is a woman with child

there is a dog, it's a pet. the dog is dead.

OFF RAMP

breather deep on one leg and breathe deep breathe deeply how many fingers can you count again new blood, blood samples, new blood samples best no blood blood samples no blood no test

bleeding our best control to stop bleeding the bleeding our best patrol to stop the bleeding mess

no hearing her cries no feeling the baby's breathing

no life in her eyes new life but the child's not breathing

young life, cold life





new life, old fears

old fear, feels new new life feels cold I can feel her heart, I hear her heart beating

BLOOD AND OIL

score some points and lose and I lose for the last time

score some points and win all we have lost

play by the rules and stay on the game board change all the rules or forfeit the game board

wars are games that kill kill the games of war

risk the game, tilt and win risk the game, tilt and win

wonder aloud who wins the game board wonder aloud who wins the game board

fight and kill and spill spill blood and oil thick, $\hfill \hfill$

plagues that kill destroy the will as most ignore the sick!

I can feel her heart, I can hear her heart beating.

FIFTEEN MINUTE INTERMISSION

TEST FLIGHT

I know it's my aim I know it's my main aim



I'll fly this place
I'll fly this airplane
beyond the air, where the air is not there
where the planets remain

fly, fly

I booked my seat in first class where the hell is my boarding pass over, overbooked

I booked my seat in first class where there's no room for all

fly, fly



I booked my seat in first class where the hell is my boarding pass over, overbooked

ARRANGING A CHANGING

changing changing who is in charge arranging a changing of the guard arranging a changing of the changing changing

conditions favor who will make a break to make a break

change changing the tools arranging things in the rules of the land change changing the tools the tools of all of the land



dig deep from inside from under ground it is found way deep down from on high from under ground it is found alive

time to fly home home to my home we are born here we can't live here

give me a chance to live give me a chance

time to fly home home to my home we are born here we can't live here



LAW OF AVERAGES

long arms, no escaping from the long arms of the law

he broke the law of averages, the law of averages, beat all the rules of law he beat the beat the, beat the, beat the law's averages

what is his crime here escape, escaping, escape is waiting

plans a long journey

gently, gently you can hold him hold him accountable to all the laws to all the laws account account accountable accountable to laws to law as accountable to the laws

accountable, it's the law if it's the law's law hold the laws accountable

broke he broke the rule of the law yes he broke he broke the rules the rules of the law

no he beat, he beat the law the law as a rule

saviors, seldom survive saviors, seldom survive

plans a long journey there are my plans, leave all else behind

TREE SONG

high above, high high above above the trees breeze pleases me, it pleases, breezes please

right under my nose, it is right under my nose, it's right under my nose

I cannot see it right before my eyes it is right before my eyes I can't know why I Can't know why I can't deny I can't see why I can't believe it's right before my eyes

under my, under my nose it's right before my eyes it's before, it's right before my eyes it's right before my eyes

I can't know why I, can't deny I
can't see why I, can't believe it's all
the trees, the trees, the trees
when all the trees are gone, no breeze
no breeze there is no breathing when the trees,
the trees are gone when we have
cut down all the trees
the trees, are gone, when the,
one last tree to kill

then we're done we're done we're done we're done

just one just one just one last tree to kill

then we're done we're done we're done we're done we're done we're done

just one just one just one

so he carves his name who will read that he was here no one will live to read it

when the trees are gone, no one will know will know, what we had before our eyes

KNOW-ESCAPE

sound alarm, sound alarm late escape, new landscape choose, whose

being born is bound to be bound to be like being borne up from the sea being more than than is ever meant to be not what we are but might be might be

all through the night we might fight who we dream we are fighting like fish who wish they had not come so far

fly high, fly away, escape high escape escape escape, enemies of the planet escape, escape and save it escape, abort, abort the system abort the system boundary

being born is bound to break a boundary

abort the boundaries, abort the boundaries abort the boundaries all

abort the call abort the call of all, of all abortive strategies and call for

breeding new fish the fishery seeding a fishery

fish fly flying fish are flying flying fish flying

dying for, trying for, flying for, fishing for know where to, escape know, where now here

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DNOTE

THE ARCHITECTURE OF CATASTROPHIC CHANGE:

Forms of cataclysm and strategies of survivors of sudden change.

THE COMPANY

THE PRODUCTION

THE WORKS

1989 brought down the house on several long running scripts, among them the release from prison of Nelson Mandela, and the hammerlock of Central Planning in Eastern Europe. The Western Powers seemed lost without the chill of the Cold War, the Hubble Telescope promised to provide us with pictures of the birth of everything, and the AIDS epidemic worsened.

In our neighborhood, one of our faults contracted and 65 people died under the debris of elevated buildings and roadways. The massive dislocations and adjustments caused by the upheavals of 1989 made the loss of our previous production, RIGHT MIND, in the quake damaged Geary Theatre inconsequential in comparison. What was not inconsequential however, was the help we received from throughout the Bay Area, through earthquake relief grants from several foundations, support from the City and County of San Francisco, and contributions from the many audience members and supporters listed on the final page of this program. We have been aided by the "Confounders" of Performance Works whose support has enabled us to develop what was previously our rehearsal facility into our first permanent home after 13 years of wandering from house to house.

The upsets of 1989-90 bring opportunities to create new arrangements of ancient traditions, brought on by the mix of cultures meeting cultures. Ensembles representing several world cultures join us in performance. **Zulu Spear** whose *a cappella* contingent sings works from South Africa, members of the Eastern European women's chorus, **Savina**, performing works from the folk traditions of that region, and members of the **San Francisco Chamber Singers**, comprised a nexus of interaction over the course of the nine months trial and error rehearsal process leading to opening night, October 17, 1990.

Marc Ream was responsible for composing an original score comprised of these differing musical styles, and his work was greatly aided by the members from each participating ensemble, including Robert Geary from the San Francisco Chamber Singers, Sechaba Mokoena from Zulu Spear, and singers Susan Volkan and Sunita Vatuk from Savina. Performer Janeen Wyatt doubled in her role as member of the performing ensemble while also assisting

Music Director Sue Bohlin, who also performs. Tenor Aurelio Viscarra makes his debut with George Coates Performance Works after many years as a featured tenor with the SF Chamber Singers. Leading actor Robert Keefe is introduced in this production to San Francisco audiences serving as both assistant director and resident actor with the ensemble. Sopranos John Wheeler-Rappe, Grael Norton and Daniel Leberman, share the role of the child aviator.

Several GCPW veterans returned to participate in The Architecture of Catastrophic Change, and none are more important than the production team coordinated by set designer Dan Corr, and Technical Director Ernie Ernstrom, both of whom were responsible for turning this building into a theater while mounting a world premiere production. Scenic Projection Designer Charles Rose, and Lighting Designer Greg Allen join us again for their third major production with GCPW, following their earlier work with Marc Ream (RARE AREA), on ACTUAL SHO and RIGHT MIND. The visual team consisting of artists, Ed Evans, Kristi Jacobson, Brian Christman, programmer Frank Craig, photographers Roger Mulkie, David Cross, and story board artists Filip Konieczny, Noam Maitless and Steve Leialoha, was directed by Image Process Coordinator Joel Slayton who joins us from the CADRE Institute for his first major production with our ensemble. Traci Robinson, who worked with us on RIGHT MIND, designed the costumes. Film-makers John Scarpa (RIGHT MIND) and Fred Sharples, Assistant Director LuAnne Daly, and sound designer Troy Gimble, are part of a crew under the direction of Stage Manager Erin-Kate Whitcomb. "The Ground Breaking" events celebrating the opening of our theatre, were designed and organized by a team of interdisciplinary arts enablers including Director of Development Brooke Boynton and Managing Producer David Hurd.

Many of the responsibilities in collaborative theater cross over the boundaries indicated by the labels we give ourselves, and only hint at the true measure of each individual's involvement with the entire ensemble.

Eric Bernhard

Beau Takahara

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Performance Works is located in San Francisco's Civic Center, in a former cathedral with 60 foot high vaulted ceilings. George Coates Performance Works creates original live art in collaboration with this extraordinary building's existing dimensions. Built in 1929, the building has a diverse history as a church, as a government office building, and a long period of abandonment before its reincarnation as Performance Works.

Using the entire neo-Gothic structure as a visual surround, GCPW creates three dimensional performance environments without altering the building's major architectural features. Traditional theatrical devices, the fly loft and overhead lighting grid, are rejected to preserve the character and grandeur of this rare space.

Performance Works has been created with the help of Studios Architecture, (Erik Sueberkrop, Gail Napell, Leif Glomset, Gene Rae), David Ireland, Daniel Corr, John Randolph and Bruce Tomb, and Jeffrey Wilk. Construction by Frank Silver Construction, Crown Electric, Bay Area Mechanical and Engineering, Park Mechanical, Somerset Studios, Neil Moore and Associates, and Nomad Productions. Preliminary studies were initiated by the Great Hall Project and Hasting's College of the Law.

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RIGHT MIND IS NOWHERE

January 1990

RIGHT MIND

October 1989

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June 1987

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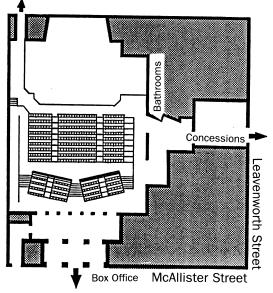
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